

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,956,026 (Ratakonda). Claims 3-48 are the subject of a May 5, 2003 Restriction Requirement. Applicants have canceled claims 1-48 and added new claims 49-55. Claims 49-55 include the features of canceled claims 1 and 2.

These claims are thought to distinguish over Ratakonda for at least the reasons provided in the April 16, 2004 Response, and in particular that histograms of the present invention represent motion intensities of a video stream using motion compensation information included in the video stream.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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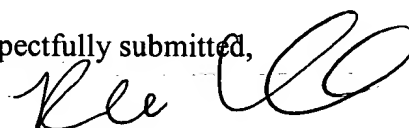
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